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SUBJECT: BIO DATA FOR ROC BIOGRAPHIC HANDBOOK SUPPLEMENT

REFERENCE: 75 STATE 13803

1. SUPPLEMENTING CURRENT BIO HANDBOOK AND PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BIO INFORMATION, EMBASSY HAS DEVELOPED FOLLOWING FACTUAL DATA AND ASSESSMENTS AS REQUESTED IN STATE 13803:

2. CHANG CHI-CHENG (PHILLIP C. C. CHANG): CHAIRMAN OF THE ECONOMIC PLANNING COUNCIL OF THE EXECUTIVE YUAN.

3. CHANG FENG-HSU WAS APPOINTED MAYOR OF TAIPEI ON JUNE 1, 1972. HE HAS BEEN CATEGORIZED AS A MEMBER OF THE YOUNGER TAIWANESE GROUP RISING WITHIN THE KMT, APPARENTLY SELECTED BY LI HUAN AND LOYAL TO CCK. BECAUSE HE HAS RISEN TO A SUB-CABINET POST EARLY, IT IS LIKELY HE IS AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE A LEADER IN THIS GROUP. HOWEVER, HE HAS BEEN CRITICIZED BY MANY FOR HIS ATTEMPTING TO BE ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN. HIS LEADERSHIP AS MAYOR HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY SOME AS SO LACKING IN EXECUTIVE OR ADMINISTRATIVE ABILITY AS TO LEAVE THE CITY'S ADMINISTRATION IN A SHAMBLES. (COMMENT: WE THINK THIS IS A BIT EXTREME.) HOWEVER, SINCE HE APPARENTLY CONTINUES TO ENJOY GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE PREMIER, IT MAY WELL BE PREMATURE TO COUNT HIM OUT POLITICALLY. COMMENTS AS TO HIS ATTITUDE AS A TAIWANESE FOUND IN THE CURRENT BIO HANDBOOK SEEM OUT OF DATE AND SHOULD PROBABLY BE REVISED TO

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REFLECT GROC'S CURRENT POLICY OF INCLUDING MORE TAIWANESE

IN POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY.

4. CHANG PAO-SHU, PRESENTLY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE KUOMINTANG CENTRAL COMMITTEE WAS REPLACED AS HEAD OF THE FIRST SECTION OF THE PARTY IN (1972) BY LI HUAN, WHO IS GENERALLY VIEWED AS CCK'S MAN IN THE PARTY AND THE MOST POWERFUL MAN; THEREFORE, DESPITE CHANG'S PROMOTION, MANY FEEL CHANG'S INFLUENCE HAS WANED. IN THE LAST YEAR, RUMORS HAVE SUGGESTED HE MAY RETIRE.

5. CHENG CHEN-HUA: SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION OF THE EXECUTIVE YUAN.

6. CHIANG WEI-KUO: COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMED FORCES UNIVERSITY WAS PROMOTED TO FULL GENERAL IN AUGUST OF 1975. OVER THE PAST MONTHS HE HAS MADE SEVERAL WELL PUBLICIZED SPEECHES AND THERE IS SPECULATION HE HAS IMPROVED HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS HALF BROTHER, THE PREMIER. (SEE 75 TAIPEI 7611.)

7. CHIEN SZU-LIANG: HIS WIFE CHANG WAN-TU IS RECENTLY DECEASED (JANUARY 1976). HE HAS THREE SONS: THE ELDEST IS CHIEN CHUN (ROBERT CHIEN), DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK. DR. CHIEN SHU, A PROFESSOR OF PATHOLOGY AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, IS THE SECOND SON. THE THIRD SON, DR. CHIEN FU (FREDERICK F. CHIEN) IS A VICE FOREIGN MINISTER.

8. HSIEH TUNG-MIN: HE WAS APPOINTED GOVERNOR OF TAIWAN PROVINCE IN 1972. HE IS GENERALLY VIEWED AS A CCK MAN AND ONE OF THOSE TO WHOM THE PREMIER TURNS FOR ADVICE ON TAIWANESE APPOINTMENTS.

9. KUAN YUNG: HE WAS PROMOTED TO VICE FOREIGN MINISTER IN JANUARY 1976 (ONE OF THREE VICE FOREIGN MINISTERS, THE OTHERS BEING YANG HSI-KUN (H. K. YANG) AND FREDERICK F. CHIEN.) KUAN PREFERS TO BE CALLED ED. HE WAS BORN ON 9 SEPTEMBER 1925 IN TSINGTAO. THE EMBASSY ENJOYED GOOD RELATIONS WITH KUAN, AND HE IMPRESSED EMBASSY OFFICERS AS BEING EXTREMELY CAPABLE. (SEE TAIPEI 0129.)

10. LAI MING-TANG HAS BEEN CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF SINCE
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1970. EMBASSY DAO ADVISES THEIR IR 6818792 75 OF 19 DECEMBER GIVES COMPLETE BIO ON LAI INCLUDING FOREIGN TRAVEL.

11. TING MAO-SHIH: HE WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION OFFICE (GIO) IN MAY OF 1975. ACCORDING TO HIS COLLEAGUES HE IS EXCEPTIONALLY INTELLIGENT AND KNOWLEDGEABLE. HE IS DESCRIBED AS QUIET AND COMPETENT. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, WE HAVE NOTED HE SEEMS TO BE CONSCIENTIOUS

AND CORRECT IN CARRYING OUT HIS NEW RESPONSIBILITIES AND MAY LACK SOME OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE TOUGHNESS AND INNOVATIVENESS OF HIS PREDECESSOR, FRED CHIEN. TING HAS AT LEAST TWO BROTHERS. AN ELDER BROTHER, TING CHUNG-CHIANG, IS A SUPERVISOR IN THE BANK OF TAIWAN. A YOUNGER BROTHER, TING MAO-SUNG, HAS JUST OPENED A LAW OFFICE IN TAIPEI IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HIS WIFE, TING KOK-CHOO (SIC).

12. WANG JUNG-YUAN: MINISTER OF JUSTICE, MEMBER OF CENTRAL STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE KMT. WANG HAS IMPROVED HIS RELATIONS WITH CCK AND THEY CAN NOW BE CHARACTERIZED AS GOOD. HIS WIFE HAS BEEN ISSUED AN IMMIGRATION VISA TO THE U.S., BASED ON THE PETITION FILED BY HER DAUGHTER, EILEEN LU, A U.S. CITIZEN.

13. WANG SHENG BECAME DIRECTOR OF THE GENERAL POLITICAL WARFARE DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE IN 1975.

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14. YANG HSI-KUN: MOFA VICE MINISTER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS (THE PRINCIPAL VICE MINISTER). HIS AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY CURRENTLY INCLUDE EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC, WEST ASIA, AFRICA AND SOUTH AMERICA. HE IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF EAST ASIA RELATIONS IN TOKYO. AS A LONG TIME FOREIGN SERVICE PROFESSIONAL, YANG IS A LOYAL CONSERVATIVE WHO OFTEN REFERS TO HIMSELF AS "MR. AFRICA" DATING FROM 1960-61 WHEN HE WAS CHIEF OF THE ROC GOODWILL MISSION TO AFRICA. HE IS BEGINNING TO SHOW HIS AGE AND APPEARS TO ENJOY TELLING VINTAGE SLIGHTLY RISQUE JOKES. HE IS SEPARATED FROM HIS SECOND WIFE.

15. YU KUO-HUA: GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK. OF THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE "INNER CIRCLE" WHO ARE REPORTEDLY RELIED ON BY CCK FOR ADVICE ON ECONOMIC AND MONETARY MATTERS -- SUN YUN-HSUAN (Y. S. SUN), LI KUO-TING (K. T. LI), PHILLIP C. C. CHANG, AND CHOU HUNG-TAO ARE THE OTHER MEMBERS -- K. H. YU REPORTEDLY HAS THE MOST INFLUENCE. HE WAS VERY CLOSE TO CHIANG KAI-SHEK AND HAS ACTED AS THE FAMILY BANKER FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. INTELLIGENT AND CAPABLE, HE IS A FISCAL CONSERVATIVE, PLACING ECONOMIC STABILITY BEFORE GROWTH. HE RUNS THE CENTRAL BANK LIKE A FIEFDOM. IT IS SAID HE HAS ABOUT AS MUCH HUMOR IN HIM AS A PIRANHA.

16. THE EMBASSY IS CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN PHOTOS OF PERSONALITIES REQUESTED IN REF PARA 3.
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